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1. C/O [] MET WITH [] (P/1) AND HIS TRANSLATOR, [] FOR THREE HOURS EVENING OF 29 SEP. TO ENHANCE SECURITY OF THE MEETING, C/O MET P/1 AND T/1 AT A PREARRANGED LOCATION [] AS WAS THE CASE AT 14 SEP MEETING. THE FIRST HOUR WAS SPENT EXPLORING WAYS OF HAVING P/1 UNDERGO SHAM SURGERY TO MEDICALLY DISQUALIFY HIM FROM FUTURE GOVERNMENT SERVICE. THE SECOND HOUR WAS SPENT WITH P/1 DISCUSSING DYNAMICS OF THE SITUATION IN LIBYA AND REASONS HE IS OPPOSED TO THE QADHAFI REGIME. THE THIRD HOUR HE RESPONDED TO REQUIREMENTS AND CLARIFIED INFORMATION HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED [] UNFORTUNATELY, HE DID NOT BRING THE TELEX ANNOUNCING THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW LAA EMPLOYEES ABROAD. HE TOLD C/O HE WOULD BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING.

2. THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION P/1 WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HOW HE WAS PERSONALLY VIEWED BY [] OFFICIALS. C/O ASSURED P/1 THAT SENIOR [] OFFICIALS RESPECTED HIM AS A HUMAN BEING AND ADMIRER HIM FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO THE QADHAFI REGIME. C/O ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THESE OFFICIALS PRAISED HIM FOR APPROACHING [] AND FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH C/O ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. P/1 TOLD C/O THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO BE VIEWED AS A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY BUT ONE WHO IS OPPOSED TO A DESPOTIC LEADER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLECTING PAIN ON THOUSANDS OF LIBYANS. IN RESPONSE, C/O EXPLAINED THAT SENIOR [] OFFICIALS INCLUDING [] ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE LIBYAN PEOPLE BUT RATHER ARE OPPOSED TO THE POLICIES AND LEADERSHIP OF THE QADHAFI REGIME.

3. AT THE END OF THE EVENING, P/1 AGREED TO MEET WITH AN ARAB SPEAKER WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH LIBYAN MATTERS AT THE NEXT MEETING. C/O EXPLAINED TO P/1 THAT THIS WOULD BENEFIT HIM BY OFFERING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS DIRECTLY WITH SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS HIS LANGUAGE AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION IN LIBYA. P/1 AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT 2000 HOURS 5 OCT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE [] MEET WITH P/1 ON 5 OCT IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A LEVEL OF RAPPORT THAT IS NOT EASILY ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE TRANSLATOR. C/O TOLD P/1 THAT THE ARABIST WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL FROM [] WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING LIBYAN MATTERS IN GENERAL AND HIS PERSONAL CONCERNS IN PARTICULAR. ALTHOUGH STATION PLANS TO MEET P/1 AND T/1 ON A REGULAR BASIS IN THE FUTURE, WE HOPE THAT BY HAVING AN ARAB SPEAKER APPEAR ON THE SCENE AT PERIODIC INTERVALS, ANY SKEPTICISM P/1 MAY HAVE THAT HIS ASSISTANCE IS NOT APPRECIATED BY [] WILL BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED.

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